

May 2003 Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project

Comment Questionnaire

~ Comments must be received by May 22, 2003 ~

Please review the Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project packet and consider the following questions that the Task Force would like feedback on. Discuss the issues with friends and associates and fill out this questionnaire to ensure that the Task Force understands and can consider your ideas, concerns, and issues. You can also fill out this questionnaire online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/area_wide/area_wide_hp.html.

1. Before reviewing the May 2003 Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project packet, how much did you know about the area-wide arsenic and lead soil contamination issue?

☐ A lot ☐ Some ☐ Very Little ☐ Nothing

Comments: _____

2. After reviewing the May 2003 Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project packet, do you feel you have an adequate understanding of what the project entails and the problems and issues associated with area-wide soil contamination?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

If you feel like your understanding is not adequate, what additional information would help you understand the issue? Please explain:

3. The section on **"Nature and Extent of Area-Wide Soil Contamination"** provides an overview on the sources of area-wide soil contamination, the areas where this type of contamination is typically found, and some recommendations relating to development of maps and additional research on roadside lead contamination.

- a) What additional information would help you understand the nature and extent of area-wide arsenic and lead soil contamination? Please explain:

- b) Do you understand and support the Task Force recommendations relating to mapping and additional research on roadside lead contamination?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments: _____

4. The section on **“broad-based education and awareness building”** describes the Task Force views on education and explains their associated recommendations. Do you believe that the recommendations are appropriate and adequate to achieve the education and awareness-building goal and increase public understanding?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

5. The section on **“child-use areas”** describes the importance of focusing on these areas to reduce risk to children and explains the Task Force recommendations.

- a) Do you believe that the proposed responses in child-use areas are appropriate and adequate to effectively address the needs in child-use areas?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

- b) Do you think a voluntary certification program for daycares, as discussed in the side bar text, should be included as a Task Force recommendation?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

6. The section on **“Residential areas”** describes the variability of area-wide soil contamination on individual properties and presents the Task Force recommended responses. Do you believe that the recommended responses in residential areas are appropriate and adequate to address the needs in residential areas?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

7. The sections on **“commercial-use areas and vacant land”** describe the potential concerns associated with these areas and describe the Task Force recommended responses. No specific response is recommended for commercial-use areas. Do you believe that the recommended responses in are appropriate and adequate to address the needs in these areas?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

8. The sidebar text on **“real estate disclosure”** indicates that the Task Force has been discussing real estate issues related to area-wide arsenic and lead soil contamination, and that it is considering developing recommendations relating to real-estate disclosure. Do you have suggestions or concerns relating to real estate disclosure that you would like the Task Force to consider as they finalize their recommendations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

9. The section on **"Model Toxics Control Act"** describes the Task Force recommendations relating to the development of alternative approaches under MTCA for properties affected by area-wide soil contamination. Do you believe that the recommendations are appropriate and adequate to identify locations where alternative approaches should apply, encourage individual actions to implement the Task Force recommendations, provide liability protection and property status recognition, and identify circumstances where the traditional MTCA process should apply?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

10. The section on **"ecological risk"** indicates that the Task Force has been discussing ecological risk issues and the associated variability and complexity related to area-wide arsenic and lead soil contamination. The Task Force is considering developing recommendations relating to ecological risk. Do you have suggestions or concerns relating to ecological risk that you would like the Task Force to consider as they finalize their recommendations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

11. The section on **"recommendations for additional information"** explains the Task Force concern about the lack of health data for Washington residents and their recommendations for additional research and data gathering relating to arsenic and lead. Do you agree with the recommendations?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Comments and suggestions: _____

12. Do you have additional comments and/or suggestions that you would like to share with the Area-Wide Soil Contamination Task Force as they finalize their recommendations and complete their project report? Feel free to attach additional pages if needed.

Comments and suggestions: _____

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How to submit your comments: online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/area_wide/area_wide_hp.html; via email to dhoo461@ecy.wa.gov; via fax to 360-407-7154 or via mail to Attn. Dawn Hooper, Dept. of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98599-7600. To mail your comment form, simply fold the questionnaire so the return address panel is exposed, tape each open edge of the questionnaire, and mail. Return postage has been provided.

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